

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Public Safety Committee** was held on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at Austin Straubel International Airport, 2077 Airport Drive, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Pat Buckley, Supervisor Clancy, Supervisor Zima, Supervisor Carpenter, Supervisor Nicholson
Also Present: Supervisor Erickson, Supervisor Landwehr, Fraud Investigators, Tom Miller, Sheriff Gossage, Chief Deputy Delain, Brent Miller, Jenny Hoffman, Bonnie De Bauche, Cptn. Sanborn, Cullen Peltier, Judge Atkinson, Jason Beck, Neil Basten, David Hjalmsquist, David Lasee, Kim Pansier, Dana Johnson,

I. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick Buckley at 5:01 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of March 7, 2013.

Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Review Minutes of:

- a. Criminal Justice Coordinating Board (February 26, 2013).
- b. Fire Investigation Task Force Board of Directors (December 27, 2012).

Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to take Items 1 a & b together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file Items 1 a & b. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**** Presentation ****

By Human Services Fraud Investigators

The fraud investigators introduced themselves and presented a Power Point overview of 2012 Brown County public assistance fraud. A copy of the Power Point is attached.

Following the presentation a question and answer session was held. Supervisor Zima felt that the work the fraud investigators has done is only the tip of the iceberg as there are many people struggling and he felt the status quo of the United States is to get whatever

you can get however you can get it. He stated that hopefully the work these investigators are doing will put Brown County ahead of the curve and will provide an example for the rest of the country. Zima commented on the 2011 figures in which there was a total of 63 law enforcement investigations for overpayment of foodshare, medical assistance and child care. Zima asked where the leads for these cases come from and the investigator stated they have a hotline that brings in quite a few leads and they also receive leads from a number of different sources such as the jail. The investigator stated that they get notifications from the jail almost daily and the jail provides an incredible amount of data and keeps a very good handle of what is going on. Zima stated he was trying to get a handle on how the cases get started and Economic Support Supervisor Jenny Hoffman stated that the majority of referrals come from Human Services economic support case workers who are trained to pick up on red flags. If suspicions are raised in economic support, a referral is written to the Sheriff's Department and from there these investigators take over. The investigator continued that they receive the referral and then they start to check resources in regard to information provided from case workers and then it is a matter of hitting the street to look people up, conduct interviews and do background investigations. The investigators have a fairly decent success rate in interviewing.

Buckley stated that when it comes to budget time, or even before that time, it would be nice to have more data from 2012.

Supervisor Landwehr asked if the savings derived are recognized by the County or if it is the State who receives those savings. Hoffman answered that this is a federal program. Landwehr felt the County should be pushing the State more to pick up more of the costs. Landwehr also had questions on disqualification as referred to in the presentation. He asked if someone gets disqualified in Brown County, if the disqualified person would be able to move to a neighboring county and re-establish benefits and the investigator stated that once someone is disqualified they are disqualified in all counties as foodshare is a federal program.

Supervisor Erickson questioned the types of items purchased with foodshare cards. He stated that he often sees people buying items such as chips and soda at convenience stores and he would like to know why these types of items are allowed to be purchased. Hoffman stated the federal government applies the policies as to what can and cannot be purchased with foodshare. Erickson also commented that as investigators if they see things that need change they should be sure to bring these things forward to the oversight committee because even though some of these items are federal based, the County could still create some resolutions which could then go to legislators in an effort to do a little bit of good.

Buckley stated that he, Supervisor Erickson, Sheriff Gossage, County Executive Streckenbach and others have talked to different State representatives and there are currently some bills that will hopefully be voted on soon to address some of these issues. Buckley also stated that he had recently spoken with Chad Weininger who advised him that there are bills that will hopefully address some of these issues.

Zima wanted to go back to the number of individual cases. The investigator stated that in 2011 there were 191 cases with law enforcement involvement and of those cases, 34 were brought to court. Zima wanted to know why there were not more cases brought to Court and the investigator answered that sometimes there is an overpayment but the case would

not fit the criteria of the recipient receiving an ordinance citation or the case may mistakenly not being forwarded to the district attorney's office. Zima commented that only about 16% of cases went to court and the investigator responded that some of the investigations result in no fraud being found.

Zima stated that the County Board appears to be supportive of the efforts of the investigators, but he believed the statistics were important to have. Buckley also pointed out that the investigators started in January or February of 2011 and for the first year there was only one investigator. The second investigator was added in 2012 and there was an increase in investigations at that time.

Economic Support Supervisor Bonnie De Bauche stated that one thing that was not included on the Power Point presentation was that sometimes the investigators may sit in with a case worker who is interviewing a customer and there are times that the investigators' presence results in admissions that result in savings. This is not necessarily an overpayment, but there are still savings derived from this, even though there is not a specific dollar amount. The cases that go to the District Attorney's office are the larger cases.

Zima asked if when people get the benefits if there is a provision that if there is a change in the household that Human Services has to be notified immediately. The case worker goes over all of these things when the customer first comes in to apply for benefits. Sometimes if income is under reported instead of not reported at all or in the instance of a person receiving a raise that is not reported, sometimes those minor incidents are not referred.

Hoffman stated of the 191 cases referred in 2011, she would estimate that about half resulted in a finding of no fraud. Of those cases that are left, the larger ones will be referred to the District Attorney's office and the smaller cases may result in ordinance citations and disqualification for a year. Zima asked of the half that are cleared, is there is anything that can be done to screen better so time is not being spent investigating cases that do not have fraud involved. Hoffman responded that her case workers do an excellent job in the screening process. Zima stated there is much more fraud than what is being detected and he is very happy that Brown County has taken the initiative they have and he is fully supportive that these investigations come out of our tax dollars because the County is showing the state and federal government that that there is something going on here so they may start giving us the help we need as the County's workforce is somewhat limited.

Buckley asked if there was part of the State that would be a counterpart and the investigator responded that the Department of Health Services would be the State entity and they also have state investigators. There are times that they cannot find the information they need from the system locally and at those times they do get in touch with the State investigators to get needed information. Zima was curious as to what the State people felt about the efforts being made in Brown County and the investigator responded that they have heard that Brown County is viewed as the leader in the State and they have taken some of the letters that are sent out to customers and have used them as a State wide letter such as the penalty warning letter. Hoffman also stated that they get calls often from other counties so Brown County is continuously sharing with other counties what Brown County is doing. Zima wanted to know if any other counties were cranking up their investigations and De Bauche answered that Oconto County does a very good job at their investigations as well. Hoffman also stated that many of the larger counties are also very aggressive against fraud.

Supervisor Clancy suggested that just the presence of the investigators out there and when the case workers make recipients aware that we have fraud investigators, it may take care of a few problems before they become problems. The presence out in the field says a lot and he felt the problems would be much, much worse without the investigators we have.

Zima asked when statistics for 2012 might be available and the investigator responded that there are 56 cases which have not been processed yet as the cases can be very complicated and they are doing the best they can but she does not have an estimate as to when they will be processed, but she felt that by the end of this year the data for 2012 would be available. Hoffman stated that they could report the information they have to the Committee on a monthly basis or quarterly basis if the Committee preferred. Zima stated that he would like to have another update in the June – August timeframes since budgeting comes up in September and October. Hoffman felt that by mid-year they should be nearly done with the 2012 figures.

Comments from the Public.

Communications

2. **Communication from Supervisor Buckley re: Would like Mr. Miller from the Airport to come to Public Safety Committee and give an update on funding for the Sheriff' Deputy to be stationed at the Airport. Held for one month.**

Buckley stated that a tour had been held earlier and he asked if anyone had any questions that should be handled in closed session and nobody did. Buckley wished it be noted that as the author of this communication he did believe the airport was someplace that we need to be sure that we do not have any liability to the County and he felt we are in need of law enforcement presence at the airport when departures are going out.

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. Ayes: Zima, Nicholson, Clancy, Carpenter
Nay: Buckley. MOTION CARRIED 4 – 1**

Sheriff:

3. **Sheriff's Report.**

Sheriff Gossage thanked the Committee for their support of the fraud investigators and he felt that these positions do make a difference not only in the community but also with the economic support and he felt that with that collaboration good things are being done. It is his intent to make sure that the County Board is very well educated on where they stand so that they continue to fund this program and he noted that he said early on that he is not supportive of this if the State does not supply some type of funding. He has talked with Representatives Weininger and Jacque about this and there is a bill drafted that would pay 20% of those overpayments and give back to the counties that are identifying these overpayments.

Gossage also reported that they have identified the individual who had been tearing down road signs and this person has been taken into custody. He noted that much of this has to do with the Department going on to Facebook and using social networking to obtain information. They were inundated with a lot of tips on this case and there will be a press release on this tomorrow.

Gossage continued his report by stating that they will be starting their budget process soon and Chief Deputy Delain has already met with the accountant and they are looking at ways to run another lean year and give back to the general fund.

Gossage concluded his report by saying that the State has offered to put a State probation agent right within the jail. This will be beneficial for the County in that that individual will be able to meet out the probation holds that are in the jail and taking up a lot of space. They will be able to interview them and process them in a timely manner as opposed to in the past where each individual agent would come in and have to interview an inmate. This will streamline the process and this process is currently being used in Dane, Milwaukee, Kenosha and Racine counties. This will save the County some money in that we will not have the probation inmates in the jail.

Nicholson asked what it would take or who would have to be contacted to get the ball rolling or open up communications to look at the County to ask if we need all these benefits from the federal government and State. Gossage felt that we need to get our State representatives to go to the federal level and they need to start identifying what Brown County has been doing. Gossage continued that at the recent legislative breakfast this had been pushed. He also noted that Director of Administration Brent Miller had been in Madison recently and they have gone to individual legislators and explained that they need some State funding to assist with this and this is a huge issue. Gossage stated that we have been pounding into the legislators that we need to get funding and the benefits need to be streamlined and cut back but he noted that it is federal guidelines that are dictating this. Nicholson responded that instead of growing government we should be trying to combat it which is what we have to do at this point. If we would send some of the benefits back to the federal government Nicholson felt we would see some people moving to different places if they cannot receive the benefits in Brown County. He felt that Brown County attracts a lot of transient people because of our programs. Nicholson also felt we were spending a lot of money on dealing with problems that are coming from outside the County.

Motion made by Supervisor Carpenter, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clerk of Courts

4. 2012 Budget Shortfall.

Clerk of Courts Jason Beck, Judge Atkinson and Financial Operations Manager Neil Basten addressed the Committee. Beck stated that he had included a report regarding their budget shortfall for 2012 in the agenda packet. He stated that this shortfall is mainly attributable to the guardian ad litem (GAL) invoices.

Buckley stated the Committee found out from administration about this shortfall, despite the Committee meeting every month and court staff having the opportunity to attend meetings and keep the Committee advised. Basten stated that as of December they were still primarily under their budget. He continued that towards the end of the year they have attorneys trying to hold their income for tax purposes and then after the first of the year they send in GAL invoices. Basten continued that they have never had that kind of a turnout

of invoices before. They started looking into some of the deposits that were made for GALs and contacting attorneys and the flood gates opened.

Beck said he understood the Committee's concern about not being made aware of this shortfall sooner and he felt that some of the problem was that it was not until December or January that they knew the GAL bills were accumulating and it was changing on a weekly basis. He did not know what the appropriate procedure was but stated that he can begin attending these meetings monthly to give updates if the Committee would desire or, alternatively, he could send in a memo to the Committee to keep them advised. Beck continued that this really did not stop until a few weeks ago when Admin said they were stopping taking the current bills and applying them to last year. Basten stated that he does not have a way to track when the order is given for a GAL assigned versus the actual payment voucher but he urged the Committee to keep in mind that cases can take a year or more to settle. Basten continued that they are talking to some other counties to see how they handle this type of thing and are also looking at asking GALs to provide progress billing in addition to looking at raising deposits the parties are to make. He continued that the expense is high this year, but most of this money they have to go back and collect and hopefully this will be reflected in increased revenues in 2013. Parties have 180 days to pay back to the Clerk of Courts and if they do not pay it gets turned over to the State for tax intercept and a civil judgment will be issued and then this will be forwarded to collections. Payment plans are set up and sometimes they make deals with parties similar to what would be done by a collection agency.

Buckley asked if there is a specific time period a GAL has to submit a bill. Basten stated there is not a time limit and this is one of the things they are looking to change. A committee has been formed to look at giving the GALs a 30 – 60 day timeframe to submit their bills. He would like to see a policy that if the billing is not done in that time frame the GAL would be limited to receiving whatever deposit remains in the GAL account and if no deposits were made the attorney would not get paid anything however this would have to be approved by the judges.

Buckley questioned why they were not able to track when the cases are done and it was stated that the Clerk's office usually does not know a case is done until they get an invoice signed by a judge. Judge Atkinson provided an example that if a divorce case starts in February, and the judge appoints a GAL because there are kids involved sometimes the parties can fight about the kids until November and the GALs do not send in bills when there is a guaranteed amount to pay them. They do not bill at all until the case is done in November in this example. Some GALs do not want that income taxable in 2012 so they wait until January to send in their bill. Judge Atkinson stated that a number of cases fell under this scenario to get to the current situation. Judge Atkinson continued that the idea of monthly progress billing had been brought up and he would like to start this as a requirement but noted that there are some months when a GAL would do little work on a case and other months when a great deal of work was done, but this would at least give some sort of idea of where they are on a case.

Buckley did not feel it would be difficult to mandate monthly billing from the GALs. Judge Atkinson responded that that would be their preferred plan. They were not aware that GALs were holding bills until after the end of the year. Now that they are aware of this situation

they intend to put a policy in place to deal with this and Atkinson felt the other judges would be agreeable to this as well.

Zima asked what the difference would be if a GAL billed monthly as opposed to billing after six months if it is all going to come out in the wash. He is trying to understand what the problem is. Basten stated that monthly billings would serve as a budgeting tool but stated that he is not personally in favor of monthly billing as he felt it would result in a lot of confusion, however, if this is how it proceeds they will obviously figure out a system in the office to handle it.

Beck stated that many of the GALs are from single attorney practices and are not very good at billing. Beck felt this problem could be prevented in the future by requiring monthly progress reports on a periodic basis so they could tell if so much money was outstanding it could be worked into the budget. Buckley questioned if they felt there was still bills that lingered over 2012 and will be carried over to 2013. Basten responded that of the invoices he reviewed earlier in the week probably $\frac{3}{4}$ of the work was done in 2012.

Zima suggested since budgeting is done in the August or September timeframe, a policy be set that all GALs be current in their billing by August 1. Beck stated that this would be similar to requiring progress reports in that they may not be current in their billing, but they would at least have an idea of what is outstanding for budget purposes.

Buckley suggested that Beck, Basten and the judges and anyone else involved meet and work with Administration to come up with a procedure to handle this problem and then come back to the Committee with an update. Buckley reiterated that as the oversight committee hearing about this from Administration is not the way this should have been handled. Beck apologized for this.

Judge Atkinson stated that the GAL issue is not the only reason there is a budget shortfall. He stated that the Board was given some bad numbers and they were overly optimistic as to what the revenues would be and under estimated what the GAL fees would be. He acknowledged that they did not do a good job with their budget. Judge Atkinson stated that they caused the problem and then the attorneys not sending in their GAL bills timely really spotlighted the problem but he felt that the problem really began with a bad budget. Zima stated that a budget is an estimate and acknowledged that there were some things that could not be controlled and Judge Atkinson agreed.

Miller said he had spoken to several other counties who are seeing similar trends with regard to GALs. One county explained that a lot of attorneys are very leery of how the affordable care act and Obamacare will affect them as to some of the new tax rates going into effect. This is not a problem isolated to Brown County.

Beck stated that they have not had this problem in the past and they will work to put policies in place to prevent it from happening again. Judge Atkinson indicated that this is his first budget year and his learning curve is high and he will get this under control so they do not have to come back again next year in this situation.

Clancy asked if there was revenue coming in to pay these fees. Judge Atkinson stated that parties are ordered to pay the fees back, but with the poor economy, over the last couple of

years less people are paying these fees back. Some judges are more aggressive than others in trying to recover these funds. Clancy stated that it appears the Judge is going on the premise that we will spend x amount of dollars and get x amount of dollars back but the amount they should be getting back does not always come in. Judge Atkinson stated that they were overly optimistic in the amount they felt would come back in and in the future they will attempt to be more accurate and less optimistic as to how to collect from these people.

Buckley asked if it was the Clerk's responsibility or the Judge's responsibility to collect these fees. Judge Atkinson stated that the judges are supposed to collect deposits from the people and are supposed to have each party kick in money. And then the judges are supposed to know if they need to collect additional funds to cover the GAL fees and if they need more, they need to tell them to kick in more. Some do not ask for additional funds and then when the case is over the bill far exceeds the deposit on hand.

Motion made by Supervisor Carpenter, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Safety Communications – Emergency Management

5. Budget Adjustment Request (13-20) Category 5: Increase in expenses with offsetting increase in revenue.

This budget adjustment is to plan and conduct a hazardous materials transportation incident tabletop exercise that includes participants from multiple jurisdictions in the Brown County area, and emergency responders from the law enforcement, fire, EMS and hazardous materials disciplines.

Motion made by Supervisor Carpenter, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Interim Director's Report.

Interim Director Cullen Peltier provided the Committee with a Director's Report, a copy of which is attached. He outlined the items contained in the report and stated that the radio project is moving along and there have not been any changes to the schedule at this point. They have done their subscriber and infrastructure training a few weeks ago and the dispatchers have been trained. They will be conducting in-building tests throughout the County on April 9 and 10 and they are looking to cut over to the new system in the May – June time frame.

With regard to staffing, there are currently five positions open and offer letters have gone out and been accepted on these positions and these positions will be starting on April 17. At that point the department will be fully staffed but not fully trained. The Communications Manager position was eliminated as of March 29, 2013. Peltier continued his report by stating that Ashwaubenon will move to Zone Dispatching by the end of April. Additionally, 20 people attended weather spotter training in Suamico. He also reported that the Hobart/Oneida dispatch issue has been resolved and was implemented as of April 2. Buckley asked if this has been reduced to writing and Peltier stated that it had been and Buckley asked if he could provide a copy of the same by e-mail to Supervisor Landwehr,

Supervisor Carpenter and himself. Peltier stated he would do this. His department has also begun the initial planning for the 2013 Tall Ships Festival which will be held at Leicht Park on August 16 – 18, 2012. Peltier also stated that the annual National Telecommunicator's Week Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at 4:00 p.m. and he hoped the Committee could join them for the ceremony which will be held at the Emergency Operations Center. Peltier concluded his report by stating that the next meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Board will be held on April 24 at 10:00 a.m.

With regard to the Communications Manager position that was eliminated, Supervisor Carpenter asked if that individual was transferred to another position. Peltier responded that as of this time he did not believe so.

Clancy had a question with regard to the tower in the Town of Holland and that was what the radius was of the range the tower could cover. Peltier stated that all towers work simultaneously and the coverage test for the system has been done and was at 96 percent coverage and he noted that 95 percent coverage was what was written into the specifications.

Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District Attorney

7. Resolution requesting the Brown County Board of Supervisors contract for an Assistant District Attorney Position and a support staff position for one year. *Motions at March Mtg: To hire an Assistant District Attorney position and support staff position with evaluation after one year or before the budget process. to amend the above motion requesting that the District Attorney's Office work with the Department of Administration and bring back a report at the April meeting of this committee which will give options including financials to either hire an Assistant DA and support staff, or contract for these positions to facilitate with the backlog in the DA's office. In addition the report should include the cost of additional equipment, all not to exceed \$150,000.*

District Attorney David Lasee and Assistant District Attorney Dana Johnson addressed the Committee. Lasee stated that what he had been charged with was to come back to the Committee and make a suggestion as to what he thought the best way to use the resources would be with a \$150,000 cap. He has worked with Administration regarding how they could hire employees at a contract rate and he felt that if this would be possible that would be the best way to go. Lasee felt they could hire a qualified contract attorney at the rate of \$25.00 per hour and stated that this is a very favorable market for attorneys and they currently have some young attorneys in their office volunteering and he would like to choose from that pool as both of them are very good attorneys. The contract rate of \$25.00 per hour would equate to about \$52,000 per year and there would not be any benefits associated with that rate. They would also intend to bring on a Legal Assistant II to assist the contract attorney as it would not be feasible to bring on an attorney without bringing on an assistant to help them. The cost for a Legal Assistant II would be \$17.62 per hour which would equate to about \$36,000 annually. This would also be a contract position without benefits and both of these positions would be limited term. It is anticipated the positions

will end when funding ends. These are not positions that would go on the table of organization.

Lasee continued that there would also be some equipment issues that they would like to see addressed which amount to between \$16,000 - \$17,000. This equipment would be very beneficial in terms of moving production along more quickly. The largest portion of the equipment would be the Dragon Net dictation software. Lasee indicated that the DTF is currently using that software and they like it although there is a learning curve associated with it but once they have it down it would be very helpful to the staff and make them a lot more efficient. Lasee stated he felt the software would cost in the area of \$10,500. This would be a short term investment that will have long term benefits for the department. The \$10,500 includes the software and the hardware as well as the licensing. There would be some ongoing maintenance costs associated with the software in that it would have to be updated every second generation but this would be at a far reduced rate compared to the initial licensing fees. They would also need work stations and computers for the contract positions and they also are in need of some disc burners. The total of all of this equipment would be \$16,679. This would include computers and work stations.

With regard to the requested CD burners, Lasee stated that his staff spends a large amount of time burning DVDs of information they receive from law enforcement to provide to the defense. He stated in the last several weeks they have had several disc burners go down from overuse. Buckley asked if disc burners would be the way to go or if thumb drives would be better. Lasee stated that eventually they may go to thumb drives, but at this time he felt DVDs better serve the defense and the disc burners are the way to go although he would be willing to look into the thumb drives if the Committee desired. IS Director David Hjalmsquist also stated that he would be concerned with thumb drives in that they could be misplaced or dropped and he felt that from a CD burner perspective, if the right type was purchased, you can stack a number of CDs at the same time and this would be more efficient than copying to one thumb drive at a time.

Lasee stated that ultimately with the \$150,000 figure they could be very close to having a full time attorney at a contract rate and a full time staff person through the end of 2014. Lasee calculated the costs for the remainder of 2013 to be roughly \$50,000 and then about \$85,000 for the full year of 2014 for the attorney and the legal assistant and with the equipment added to that the figures comes in at \$157,054 if the positions were to begin June 1, 2013 and carry over to December 31, 2014.

Buckley questioned the cost of the equipment and dictation software and Lasee stated it was about \$16,700. Lasee also confirmed that the figure for the attorney and the legal assistant for one year was \$88,659. For the seven months remaining in 2013 after this staff is hired the cost would be \$51,716 and the equipment is listed at \$16,679 for a total of \$157,054. Lasee stated that if the \$150,000 was hard and fast as opposed to the \$157,054 they would end the positions in the first part of December rather than the end of December and save a month's worth of costs. Buckley felt that some of the equipment costs may be able to come from the 2014 budget.

Zima asked if there would be any funding available from the asset forfeiture account that could be used to purchase the equipment. Lasee stated that those funds cannot be used by the DA's office and forfeitures are specifically designated by statute.

Zima felt that the numbers given by Lasee need to be put in a whereas in the resolution. He felt the County Board was a little rough and tumble with this at the last meeting and he felt it was important to put the figures on the record and further, he had no problem with the \$157,054 figure. He felt that if it is written in that it is for 2013 and 2014 to ensure a flow of prosecution would be a good way for the Board to accept this.

Lasee stated that their current drug backlog consists of 584 cases and Zima felt it would be important for that figure to be included in a whereas clause in the resolution and also add a breakdown of what the funds will pay for. Zima felt this resolution should be amended now rather than sending it back to staff so that it could be brought up at the next County Board meeting. Nicholson agreed that this should be amended at this time. Buckley would like to make sure that it is accurately spelled out to alleviate any questions at the Board level. Hjalmsquist also stated that it would be helpful to have this resolution amended sooner rather than later so that by the timeline of June 1 Hjalmsquist can have the software ready to go so they can hit the ground running. Carpenter is in support of this but wondered if this should be amended by Corp. Counsel to be sure this is done appropriately and a special meeting could then be held prior to County Board. It was decided by the Committee to make the appropriate amendments at this time. Lasee stated that the attorney position will be listed at an annual salary of \$52,000 so that they do not have to stick with 40 hours a week.

Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to amend the second whereas to read 584 referrals backlogged. No vote taken.

Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to delete the second whereas and change the now-second (previously third) whereas to replace 1000 charges with 584 referrals, delete the third whereas (previously fourth) and amend the last whereas to read as follows: Whereas, the District Attorney has provided a budget as follows: \$78,000 for a contracted attorney, \$54,988.50 for a Legal Assistant II and \$16,679 for necessary equipment to be used by December 31, 2014 or until funding runs out. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Medical Examiner

8. 2013 Brown County Medical Examiner Activity Spreadsheet.

Buckley asked the recording secretary to ask the Medical Examiner to attend the next Public Safety meeting.

Motion made by Supervisor Carpenter, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

9. Convene in Closed Session to discuss and assess Brown County's Austin Straubel International Airport TSA Security Plan. Pursuant to §19.85(1)(d), any meeting of a governmental body may be convened in closed session for purposes of considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Additionally, under §19.85(1)(f), any meeting of a governmental body may be convened in closed session for purposes of considering

financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

No closed session was held.

Circuit Courts, Commissioners, Probate - No agenda items.

10. Audit of bills.

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to pay bills. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11. Such other matters as authorized by law.

None.

12. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary

2012 BROWN COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FRAUD overview



Brown County Human Services Economic Support Public Assistance (P.A.) Fraud Cases

- ▶ FoodShare Assistance
- ▶ Medical Assistance
- ▶ Child Care Assistance
- ▶ Energy Assistance



PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATIONS

- ▣ DETECT, INVESTIGATE, REFER & PREVENT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FRAUD
- ▣ NETWORK WITH COMMUNITY TO DETER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FRAUD AND PARALLEL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY (Law Enforcement, Probation/Parole, Jail Staff, Area Retailers, Property Owners, Community Members, Recipients)
- ▣ CLEAR INNOCENT RECIPIENTS OF FALSE ALLEGATIONS



2011 P.A. FRAUD OVERVIEW

- ▣ 1 BCHSES FRAUD SUPERVISOR
- ▣ 1 BROWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATOR
- ▣ 1 BCHSES FRAUD INVESTIGATIVE AIDE

191 L. E. INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED

- ▣ 15 CRIMINAL CASES TO B.C.D.A.
- ▣ 19 ORDINANCE CITATIONS TO B.C.D.A.



2011 P.A. FRAUD cont.

LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS

- ▣ 32 FOODSHARE OVERPAYMENTS
 - \$193, 552
- ▣ 20 MEDICAL ASSIST OVERPAYMENTS
 - \$166,460
- ▣ 11 CHILDCARE OVERPAYMENTS
 - \$135,211

TOTAL OVERPAYMENTS: \$495,223



2011 P.A. FRAUD cont.

CASE WORKER OVERPAYMENTS (142 CASES)

- 5 CRIMINAL REFERRAL/15 ORD CITATIONS

▣ FOODSHARE OVERPAYMENT

- \$94,673

▣ MEDICAL ASSISTANCE OVERPAYMENT

- \$165,251

▣ CHILDCARE OVERPAYMENT

- \$28,684

TOTAL OVERPAYMENTS: \$288,608



2012 P.A. FRAUD PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW

STAFFING:

- ▣ 1 BCHSES FRAUD SUPERVISOR
- ▣ 1 BROWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATOR
 - 2ND BC INVESTIGATOR ASSIGNED IN MAY 2012
- ▣ 1 BCHSES FRAUD INVESTIGATIVE AIDE
 - 2ND AIDE ASSIGNED IN APRIL 2012



2012 P.A. FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

▣ **268 L.E. INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED**

- 6 CRIMINAL CASES TO B.C.D.A. (*INC)
- 33 ORDINANCE CITATIONS TO B.C.D.A. (*INC)

**3 L.E. INVESTIGATIONS INCOMPLETE, 56 OF 268 CASES HAVE NOT BEEN PROCESSED FOR OVERPAYMENT-ABOVE DATA IS INCOMPLETE*



2012 P.A. FRAUD PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW cont.

LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS

- ▣ *38 FOODSHARE OVERPAYMENTS
 - \$104,126
- ▣ *16 MEDICAL ASSIST OVERPAYMENTS
 - \$82,174
- ▣ *8 CHILDCARE OVERPAYMENTS
 - \$74,734

***TOTAL: \$261,034**

**56 OF 268 CASES HAVE NOT BEEN PROCESSED FOR
OVERPAYMENT-ABOVE DATA IS INCOMPLETE*



2012 P.A. FRAUD PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW cont.

CASE WORKER OVERPAYMENTS (149 CASES)

- ▣ FOODSHARE OVERPAYMENTS
 - \$102,256
- ▣ MEDICAL ASSISTANCE OVERPAYMENTS
 - \$89,198
- ▣ CHILDCARE OVERPAYMENTS
 - \$30,879

TOTAL: \$222,333



FOOD STAMP OFFENSE CONVICTION/IPV INFORMATION

- ▣ Intentional Program Violation=Department of Health Services Administrative Handbook provides structure for administrative sanctions after court conviction.
- ▣ 1ST OFFENSE=1 YEAR DISQUALIFICATION
- ▣ 2ND OFFENSE=2 YEAR DISQUALIFICATION
- ▣ 3RD OFFENSE=LIFETIME DISQUALIFICATION
- ▣ 1ST OFFENSE FOODSHARE TRAFFICKING OVER \$500=LIFETIME DISQUALIFICATION
 - ▣ Began applying this IPV in 2012



2012 Examples FoodShare Offenses

▣ BEACH ROAD LIQUOR-retailer

- 4 MONTH INVESTIGATION
 - ▣ GURNEK & GURDEEP BASANTI
 - Each pled guilty to 1 felony and several misdemeanors
 - SIMARJOT BASANTI
 - Pled guilty to 1 misdemeanor
 - ALL THREE AWAITING SENTENCING
 - ▣ Recipient warning letters & ord. citations

Participating Agencies: BCHSES, BCSD, BCDTF,
OIG (FNS), DCI, WI DOR (Tax and Alcohol/Tobacco
Division), GBPD, DPPD



FoodShare Offenses Cont.

▣ TRANSFORMATION HOUSE

- CRIMINAL PROSECUTION STILL PENDING ON
MANUELUS & PAMELA REACCO

Joint investigation between GBPD & BCSO



PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS-A COOPERATIVE EFFORT

- ▣ BROWN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
(A.D.A. BEAU LIEGEOIS)
- ▣ BROWN COUNTY JAIL STAFF
- ▣ AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
- ▣ RETAILERS (VIDEO ASSISTANCE)
- ▣ PROBATION & PAROLE AGENTS
- ▣ OWNERS/MANAGEMENT AGENCIES OF RENTAL
PROPERTY

*Several above agencies requesting training from fraud investigators



Cooperative Effort cont.

- ▣ \$97,000 overpayment case involving FS, MA & CC. Historical investigation placing father in the home for 12 years (pending). Property owners assist
- ▣ \$30,569 overpayment case involving FS, MA & CC. Historical investigation placing father in the home for several years (pending). Probation assist
- ▣ \$19,869 overpayment case involving FS & MA. Historical investigation involving placement of child (pending). Employer & family assist

*Department of Health Services maintains a 6 year limit for determining overpayments



MISCELLANEOUS CASES

- ▣ 2 deceased recipients QUEST card usage
 - Four suspects-ordinance citations
 - Three suspects receiving benefits themselves
 - ▣ Wisconsin/Florida joint investigation
 - Identity theft & public assistance fraud
 - Victim resided in Brown County
 - \$68,500 FS & MA overpayment/criminal charges in FL
 - ▣ Multiple Brown County Jail FS misuse cases
 - incarcerated recipients selling/authorizing QUEST card to others for various reasons
- Examples: trafficking, release of QUEST cards.



QUESTIONS?



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Brown County



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Emergency Management

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Cullen Peltier
Interim - Director

Director's Report – Communications Center Update April 4, 2013

1. **Radio Project Update**
 - a. **Project Schedule – No Change**
 - i. **January – March: Radio Programming and Installation**
 - ii. **April: Subscriber and Infrastructure Testing**
 - **Dispatchers Trained**
 - **Building Tests – April 9th and 10th**
 - iii. **May – June: Cut Over to New System**
2. **Communications Center Staffing**
 - a. **Open Positions**
 - i. **Telecommunicators – 5 FTE (4 Full-Time; 2 Part-Time)**
 - **Hire date of April 17, for the 5 openings**
 - ii. **Communications Manager Eliminated – March 29th, 2013**
3. **Standardized Operating Procedures**
 - a. **Ashwaubenon will move to Zone Dispatching by the end April**
4. **March 27th, Weather Spotter Training in Suamico**
 - a. **20 in attendance**
5. **Hobart/Oneida Dispatching Resolved**
6. **2013 Tall Ships Festival Planning Initial Planning Meeting**
 - a. **March 18th, Planning Meeting**
 - b. **2013 Baylake Bank Tall Ship Festival - Leicht Park, August 16-18**
7. **National Telecommunicators Week Ceremony**
 - a. **Wednesday, April 17th, 4 p.m.**
 - b. **Brown County EOC**
8. **Brown County Public Safety Advisory Board**
 - a. **Next Meeting – April 24th, 10 a.m.**



9. Call Statistics

Brown County PSC Call Volume - Mar 2012 through Mar 2013

